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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3, 7-9 and 11-39 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-6 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/888)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by **S. H. Goldberg (US 1,799,510)**.

Regarding claim 1,

The recitation “an armature for a receiver”, has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurs in the preamble. This preamble has not been accorded patentable weight, as it merely recites the intended use of the structure, and the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness.

Goldberg teaches a structure, comprising: a first leg portion (“1” in Figure 5) having a thickness and width;

a second leg portion (“2” in Figure 5) spaced apart from the first leg portion;

and a connection portion ("**3**" in **Figure 5**) for flexibly coupling the first leg portion "**1**" with the second leg portion "**2**", wherein the connection portion "**3**" includes a "reduced non-zero_thickness" portion having a thickness less than the thickness of the first leg portion;

and **Figure 2** illustrates wherein the width of the connection portion ("**3**" in **figure 2**) is greater than the width of the first leg portion "**1**".

Regarding claim 2,

in **figure 2**, Goldberg teaches that the first leg portion ("**1**" in **figure 6**), at least in part, is at a ninety degree angle with respect to the connection portion ("**3**" in **figure 6**), as broadly claimed.

Regarding claim 4,

in **figures 2-6**, Goldberg teaches that the connection portion (**3**) is integral with the first (**1**) and second (**2**) leg portion.

Regarding claim 5,

in **figure 2**, Goldberg teaches that the second leg portion (**2**) comprises a first sub-leg ("**4**" in **figure 2**) and a second sub-leg ("**6**" in **figure 2**) spaced apart from one another.

Regarding claim 6,

in **figure 6**, Goldberg teaches that the width of the first sub-leg portion **(4)** is less than a width of the connection portion **(3)** and wherein a width of the second leg portion **(6)** is less than the width of the connection portion **(3)**.

Regarding claim 10,

in **figure 6**, Goldberg teaches that the width of the first leg portion **(1)** is less than the width of the connection portion **(5)**.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims rejected in the Official Action mailed 8/18/2008 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DIONNE H. PENDLETON whose telephone number is (571)272-7497. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:30-7:00 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne Young can be reached on 571-272-7582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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